REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	18 January 1999
Name of applicant/court:	The District Court at Auckland
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	!69dog.jpg
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Computer Image File
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language:	Not Applicable

Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The computer image file entitled *!69dog.jpg* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The computer image file promotes and supports bestiality, deeming it objectionable under s3(2)(e) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The file contains a grainy, black and white photographic image depicting a naked woman lying on her back on a floor, with a large shaggy dog standing over her. The woman is licking what appears to be the dog's erect penis. The dog's muzzle is near the woman's genitals, although whether the dog is licking her genitals is unclear due to the poor quality of the image. The explicit nature of this depiction and the sexualised nudity of the woman indicates that the image is intended for the sexual arousal of the viewer.

Consideration has been given to the relevant provisions of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 as they relate to this publication. The limit on the freedom of expression resulting from this classification is prescribed by law and demonstrably justified.

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